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Convalescent Travel Pay Part Of 1967 Military Pay Act

The President has signed into law the 5.6 percent basic pay increase for 3.5 million military personnel now on active duty.

In addition to the basic pay increase, the law also includes a provision whereby a member of the armed forces who is injured or wounded in Vietnam as a result of hostile action and who later is transferred to the United States for hospitalization can be given a free round trip to his home after receiving his service secretary's approval.

The law also includes:

- Increased Dependents Assistance Act allowances for certain enlisted personnel in connection with permanent changes of station.
- Creation of a special basic pay rate of $844.20 a month for the senior NCO position of each of the armed services.
- Basic allowance for quarters (BAQ) and dislocation allowances for certain bachelor personnel in connection with permanent changes of station.
- A bonus to certain eligible doctors and dentists in critical shortage categories when they voluntarily extend time on active duty.
- A revised procedure for adjusting retired pay to assure equitable distribution of Consumer Price Index increases.

Increase Effective Oct. 1

The pay increase rates went into effect Oct. 1 for all persons on active duty, Reserve or Academy rolls on the date the President signed the measure into law. All persons retired as of Oct. 1 or later get the benefit of the increase when their retired pay is computed.

Allowances are increased for enlisted personnel in pay grades E-1 through E-3 and E-4 with less than four years of service who have fewer than three dependents; with more dependents, the same allowances as before.

The law also will be of benefit to many bachelors when they make permanent change of station moves. Those in Grade E-4 (four years of service or more) or above who do not have dependents are to receive:

- Basic allowances for quarters for the period they are in travel or leave status during a permanent change of station move, and,
- Disclocation allowances in connection with a PCS when they are not assigned to government quarters at the new station.

FAREWELL SALUTE—Maj. Gen. O. M. Barsanti (right), Commanding General, 101st Airborne Div., and Gen. Howell M. Estes, Commander, Military Airlift Command, salute troops of the 101st prior to their departure from Ft. Campbell, Ky., for South Vietnam. The transport of two brigades of the 101st to Vietnam is the largest airlift operation of the Southeast Asia war.

101st Airborne Div. Moves to Vietnam In Record-Breaking Airlift Operation

In the largest and longest troop airlift in military history, about 10,000 soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division are moving from Fort Campbell, Ky., to Bien Hoa AFB, Vietnam.

Called Eagle Thrust, the airlift began Dec. 1 to move the 2nd and 3rd brigades of the division and is expected to continue until Dec. 29. The brigades will join the division's 1st brigade, which has been in Vietnam since July 1965. Division commander is Maj. Gen. O. M. Barsanti.

Military Airlift Command C-141 Starlifters and C-133 Cargo Masters are carrying the troops and about 5,000 tons of vehicles and cargo plus the division's full complement of 105mm cannon and 37 partially dismantled helicopters.

The division's heavy equipment and non-combat essentials—amounting to some 20,000 tons—are being carried to the war zone by ships of the Military Sea Transportation Service.

Washington Memos

VIETNAM FACT SHEET published by Armed Forces Information Service contains policy statements made by Secretary of State Dean Rusk at Oct. 12 news conference. Press conference dealt with wide range of topics, including public discussions of Vietnam in Congress, bombing pause, and U.S.-Soviet relations. Entitled "U.S. Policy on Vietnam: The Current View," it is available to Commanders in DOD FS-47.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, in cooperation with National Press Photographers Association, University of Missouri and World Book Encyclopedia Science Service, is sponsoring 1967 Military Picture of Year competition. Only active duty military personnel assigned either as photographers or in information duties, are eligible to enter. Maj. Donald P. Blake, Defense Information School, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind., 46216,, is Department of Defense project officer.

TWELVE PILOTS, INCLUDING five from Australia, receiving F111A training in first class by instructors of Air Training Command's Detachment 2, 3335th Navigator Training Wing, Mather AFB, Calif. Nine-week ground training course is designed to qualify Tactical Air Command pilots in duties and responsibilities of right-seat position in aircraft.

FOR EXTENDED AND outstanding service on the Naval Air Systems Effectiveness Advisory Board, four civilians and one Navy lieutenant have received RAdm. L. D. Coates awards. Recipients were: Mr. C. G. Covington, vice president, McDonnell Douglas Corp.; Mr. G. R. Gehrkens, executive vice president, North American Rockwell Corp.; retired Navy Capt. A. J. Stanziano, former director of Air Systems Avionics Division; Dr. W. R. Pabst Jr., statistician, Naval Ordnance Systems Command and Lt. A. E. Lansdowne of Fighter Squadron 124.

ARMY MATERIEL Command's Award of Honor has been presented to Springfield Armory by Brig. Gen. W. J. Durrenberger, Commanding General, Army Weapons Command. Award of Honor is highest safety award given within Army Materiel Command.

YOUR FEDERAL INCOME Tax, 1968 edition, and Tax Guide for Small Business, 1968 edition, are ready for mailing. Each is approximately 160 pages and sells for 50 cents. They are obtainable by mail from Supt. of Documents, Department T, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.

MILITARY PERSONNEL Officers and Commanders are asked to note that quarterly reports are now necessary to help develop data on "New Standards" men. DOD Directive 1145.3, dated Nov. 29 and entitled, "Military Personnel Data Files and Reporting Procedures for Project One Hundred Thousand," contains full instructions. Directive stated data is necessary to implement SecDef policy decisions broadening manpower pool. DOD also established objectives for follow-on studies in directive.

A TELEPROCESSED Computer Assisted Instruction course (CAI) in laboratory diagnosis of Malaria has been demonstrated to members of American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene at their 16th annual meeting in Philadelphia. Course was developed at Naval Medical School, Bethesda, Md., in conjunction with Naval Medical Research Institute and Pennsylvania State University.

AIR FORCE SYSTEMS Command's 6511th Test Group, El Centro Naval Air Facility, Calif., has completed first successfully recovered single air drop of 50,000-lb. platform load from a C-130 aircraft. Test load of concrete and steel was dropped from 5,000-ft. altitude at approximately 150 mph airspeed. Extracted from plane by three 28-ft. ring-slot parachutes, load was floated to earth by nine 100-ft. chutes and touched down at less than 30-ft.-per-second velocity.

PRISONER OF WAR rights and obligations under Geneva Convention are treated by new Armed Forces Information film. Commanders and instructors are urged to review film—AFIF-166, which is 39 minutes long—before showing so as to underscore main points in question-and-answer session after showing. Film points out that both North and South Vietnam are parties to this treaty.

NAVY RADM. William H. House has reported for duty as Deputy Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Vietnam, a newly created post with headquarters in Saigon. Adm. House was Chief of Staff for Commander, First Fleet, before he was promoted to rear admiral and became deputy to RAdm. Kenneth L. Veth in November.

THREE AIR GUARD airlift units will change over in July from straight cargo carrying to aeromedical airlift. National Guard Bureau identified units as: 161 Gp. at Phoenix, Ariz.; 153 Gp. at Cheyenne, Wyo.; 167 Gp. at Martinsburg, W. Va. All units in new roles will fly C-121's with 8 aircraft per unit and manned by approximately 700 officers and men.

FOUR ARMY COLONELS have been graduated from 52nd session of Advanced Management Program of Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration. Course is designed to provide mature executives with an over-view of business administration and prepare them for broad responsibilities of core management. Four are Colonels Sidney Gritz, Ft. Monroe, Va.; John S. Howland, West Point, N. Y.; Harold R. Parfitt, Panama Canal Zone, and Richard F. Thomure, U.S. Army Command, Stuttgart, Germany.

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Background for Commanders

EUROPE AND AMERICA — 1967*

Though Europe is a land of visible prosperity and political stability, it is a troubled land. Since 1945, Europe has traversed phases of acute fear, absolute dependence on the United States; then there was the rapid expansion and growth of the late '50s and early '60s. Today it finds itself on a plateau of doubt, even apprehension, about the future.

It would be fair to conclude that a dominant foreign policy concern in Europe today is about American power and Europe's inability to match that power. As Americans, it is hard for us to recognize how overwhelming American power appears to the Europeans. **Using GNP figures for 1965, the United States had a gross national product of 692 billion dollars; West Germany, 112; France, 94; the State of California alone had a GNP of 76 billion with Italy well below at 57 billion. Personal income figures are even more striking. For California, it was $3,090 in 1964, more than 50 percent above the most affluent European nations, Sweden and Switzerland.**

U.S. Investment in Europe

In this context, American investment in Europe has begun to bring home to Europeans the depth of this imbalance. Firms, like General Motors with total sales in 1966 of $20 billion, are implanting themselves in European countries where these figures exceed the national budgets of the countries concerned. At the end of 1966 direct American investment in the Common Market totalled $7.6 billion and 70 percent of that investment had been made since 1960. And this investment was virtually all in the technologically advanced growth industries. In many areas—transistors, oil distribution, agricultural products, telecommunications and computer production—U.S. firms have more than 50 percent of the market. American size, superior financial resources, superior management are making themselves immediately felt in Europe itself.

An Economic and Political Revolution

To a considerable extent, Europe has satisfied its most immediate requirements. The Common Market works; there is steady growth and peace, while uneasy, lies across the land. Behind this facade of uneasy material satisfaction, great forces are undramatically but inexorably at work and Europe is well into an economic and political revolution. In 15 short years, the European Community has gone far to create a customs union. By next July, all internal duties will have been eliminated and a single agricultural policy will have been created out of six national farm policies. The matters the European Community struggles with now are those familiar to all advanced countries and which few have solved: energy policy; transport; technology and education; income policy.

The history of the last 15 years has been one of steady growth of the European market. Indeed, it has been the most rapidly growing market in the world, for us and the rest of the world. Total U.S. exports to the European Community rose from an average of about $2.8 billion in 1956-1958 to about $5.3 billion in 1966. Agricultural exports to the EEC, $1 billion in 1956-1958, reached $1.6 billion in 1966 and will go still higher in 1967.

An Inner Dynamic

For the moment Europe seems to lie becalmed. Nevertheless, there are noises of political and economic pressures for further movement to be heard below decks.

There is an inner dynamic that continues to impel them forward, even during this difficult period. This dynamic owes its existence to several factors: the inestimable advantages unity has already brought to Europe; the desire to achieve some degree of economic balance with the United States; and finally the cold fact that progress in one sector of the European economy creates irresistible pressures to move in other sectors. Thus, it seems altogether probable, in the not too distant future, that there will be a sudden new burst of European energy and movement.

U.S. Policy

Our general policy must remain unambiguous and firm. First, we continue to support the European Community; second, its enlargement to include those nations prepared to join wholeheartedly in the treaty obligations and political objectives of the Community; and third, we support and actively collaborate in the existing Atlantic institutions, NATO and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

The President reasserted our policy in a speech of October 20. He drew attention to the innovative aspect of the European Community. "The chaos of war forced the leaders of Western Europe to look with new insight into the old patterns of rivalry. They reached a significant conclusion. They saw that the more they could travel together, the faster they could move to a prosperous future. Going it alone, they might never make it. The European Common Market was a result of this thinking."

Therefore, what the Europeans are about is political innovation of a high order. By being new and revolutionary, progress is bound to be uneven and uncertain. But there can be no doubt about the remarkable progress that they have already made, or finally, of the importance to all of us that they succeed in their efforts.

** Excerpts from a recent address by Ambassador J. Roberts Schaetzel, U.S. Representative to the European Communities, who heads the Special Mission to the European Communities with headquarters in Brussels.*

MTMTS, ATAA Sign Joint Freight Agreement

A joint freight transportation agreement has been signed by the Military Traffic Management and Terminal Services (MTMTS) and the Air Transport Association of America. This was termed a stepping stone on which to extend the MTMTS position in the rapidly-growing field of domestic air freight transportation service.

The new pact will enable the scheduled airlines to effectively utilize their constantly expanding cargo airlift capability for both routine and "quick reaction" support of Department of Defense air freight requirements in regular scheduled service as well as charter service on a nationwide basis.

Special Corps Created For Lawyers in Navy

An Act creating a Navy Judge Advocate Generals' Corps has been approved by President Johnson.

It establishes a corps for Navy lawyers in place of their present status as special duty officers.

"It gives Navy lawyers the same professional recognition accorded to doctors, dentists, chaplains and others who perform specialized duties," the President said. He noted that the new measure also permits women to serve as lawyers in the Navy.

The corps will have the same internal organization as other Navy staff corps.

Air Force EOD Personnel May Now Wear ID Badge

Air Force Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) personnel now have a distinctive metal badge of identification, the same type worn by Army and Marine personnel in that category.

The technician's badge, without a small star on the bomb, is awarded to qualified EOD officers and airmen with less than three years in EOD duties. Supervisors' badges, with a star, go to qualified officers and NCOs.

ARMY-AIR FORCE CONFERENCE—Lt. Gen. James W. Wilson (left), Vice Commander of the Military Airlift Command, talks with Lt. Gen. John A. Heintges, Deputy Commander in Chief, U.S. Seventh Army. Gen. Wilson visited the USAREUR-7th Army Headquarters in Heidelberg, Germany, for a special briefing.

Asst. Air Force Secretary (R&D) Cites Superiority of F-111A Design

The Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Research and Development), Dr. Alexander H. Flax said in mid-December there is no other currently operational aircraft anywhere in the world which has design features of the F-111A.

He told the Rotary Club of Austin, Tex., that the F-111A has the first fully modulated afterburning turbofan engine ever employed on military aircraft. This will give the aircraft the range power plant performance and fuel economy to match the aircraft characteristics over its speed and altitude operating regime.

Secretary Flax said that the Russians and the French have recently flown experimental prototypes of aircraft with variable sweep wings. He noted, "these were clearly inspired by the design of the F-111A and are several years behind it in development."

The secretary told the Rotarians the F-111D version of the aircraft scheduled for delivery in 1969 will include newer and better radar, navigation and fire control systems than on the present versions.

In mid-December the 1,000th supersonic flight was completed by the F-111A over the desert bombing and gunner range, north of Las Vegas, Nev.

Red Cross Packs 610,000 Gift Kits for RVN Forces

"Operation Shop Early" has produced more than four-million gift items for kits prepared for every U.S. serviceman and woman in Vietnam.

The more than 610,000 Christmas gift kits were prepared by American Red Cross chapters and are ready for holiday distribution to American forces.

Packed in multicolored Christmas bags, each kit contains seven or more personal items, small games, puzzles, paperback books, playing cards, ballpoint pens, stationary and voice tapes. Two thousand bags packed especially for servicewomen also include cosmetics, powder puffs, facial tissues, sewing kits, hand lotion and shower caps.

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